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# Chat with the Chair

## July 2015

Dear Friends,

It has been an active summer for me so far.

After months of hard work, the County Board officially passed my S.E.E.D. legislation, which seeks to provide healthy locally grown food options to our community and eliminate food deserts. I am so proud to provide this vital resource for residents.

I was honored to speak at a preview of the Milwaukee Art Museum's latest world renowned exhibit. I also got to take a tour of the construction site of the Art Museum's expansion project, which was made possible by the County Board.

You will notice that this edition of my e-newsletter features rainbows. I wanted to do something special to mark this historic day in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that marriage is a right for all people. Love wins!

Sincerely,

Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman  
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, 4th District

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# Milwaukee County News Updates

## **MILWAUKEE COUNTY ADOPTS S.E.E.D. LEGISLATION**

### ***Supervisors Override Executive Veto of Program to Eliminate “Food Deserts” Among Elderly, Low-Income Neighborhoods in Milwaukee County***



**S.E.E.D. PROJECT**  
Sowing, Empowering and Eliminating Deserts of Food

The Milwaukee County Board this week adopted the S.E.E.D. program. S.E.E.D. stands for Sowing, Empowering, and Eliminating Deserts of Food. By a vote of 14 to 4, Supervisors overrode the County Executive's veto and “did the right thing in a real effort to address acute health care disparities through the eradication of food deserts in Milwaukee County,” said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, along with Supervisors Jason Haas and Khalif Rainey, unveiled the S.E.E.D. Program on Earth Day.

“It's up to the County Executive to explain how the County has adequate resources to fund an \$80 million commitment for a sports and entertainment complex, but not to fund a one-time expenditure of \$200,000 to combat food insecurity and improve health outcomes for residents of Milwaukee County's poorest neighborhoods,” Dimitrijevic

said. “Although the County Executive may not view food insecurity as an emergency worthy of County intervention, I tend to believe that the thousands of families across the County who struggle to put food on the table each day might disagree.”

Through the S.E.E.D. program, Milwaukee County will partner with the Hunger Task Force, Growing Power, and UW -Extension. Hunger Task Force will operate a Mobile Market within the county to serve residents who live in food deserts, coordinating with the existing Stockbox delivery program to our seniors. This Mobile Market will provide opportunities for residents to purchase nutritious food in neighborhoods while accepting food benefits.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food deserts as “urban neighborhoods and rural towns without ready access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food. Instead of supermarkets and grocery stores, these communities may have no food access or are served only by fast food restaurants and convenience stores that offer few healthy, affordable food options.”

“Milwaukee County faces acute challenges, including inter-related health disparities,” Dimitrijevic said. “In the long run, infant mortality, obesity and high blood pressure are more costly to the community than an upfront, one-time investment in these partnerships with local organizations to create healthier options for our residents.”

Under the S.E.E.D. program, the County also will establish a long-term partnership with Growing Power to establish Urban Orchards. Growing Power and the County will pursue a minimum of 10 acres of County land on which to plant 4,000 fruit trees.



*Marina and Will Allen, Founder and CEO of Growing Power, at one of Growing Power's local farms.*





# Milwaukee County News Updates

## Public Hearing on Park East Land Sale



Hundreds attended the Milwaukee County Board's Public Hearing on County Executive Chris Abele's proposal to sell about 10 acres of Park East land to the Milwaukee Bucks for \$1.

The hearing kicked off with a presentation on the proposal and was followed by testimony from the public.

People from all over the county poured into the War Memorial Center for a chance to make their voice heard on Milwaukee County's role in the proposed Bucks Arena development deal.



*A woman addresses the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors regarding her views on the proposed Park East land sale.*

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Let us know what you think! We want to hear from you on this important issue as it involves significant public financing. Please feel free to contact Marina at anytime to share your views on the proposed sale of Park East land.

**Contact Marina at 414-278-4282 or [marina.dimitrijevic@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:marina.dimitrijevic@milwaukeecountywi.gov)**

**You can also leave feedback on her website at [county.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic](http://county.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic)**



## Progress at South Shore Park

Construction for the South Shore Park project has begun. This picture shows the progress achieved in expanding and improving public concessions at South Shore Park.

Expanded public concessions is just one phase in a much larger project aimed at improving South Shore Park. The full vision of the project includes improving the beach and water quality, realigning the Oak Leaf Trail to increase safety and more.

Check out the [South Shore Park presentation](#) for more information.



# Marina in Our Community



## MAM Hard Hat Tour

Marina, along with some of her colleagues, received a sneak peek of the Milwaukee Art Museum's new expansion by taking a hard hat tour of the construction site.

An additional 25,000 square feet will be added through this project. The addition will play host to new art, sculptures and a second special exhibit hall.

The new galleries are set to open in November.

Marina is proud of the unanimous vote and vision the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors showed to improve this great public asset for everyone to enjoy.



*Marina (right) chats with Dan Keegan (center), Director of the Milwaukee Art Museum, while they take the hard hat tour.*



*Marina looks out at the amazing view from the construction site.*



# Marina in Our Community



*Marina, Alderman Terry Witkowski (left) and Supervisor Jason Haas (right) at the first Chill on the Hill of the season, where they enjoyed the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.*



*Marina and Bill Zaferos, Public Information Manager to the County Board, attend a preview of the Modern Rebels exhibit at the Milwaukee Art Museum. They stopped to pose in front of one Jackson Pollock's most famous splatter paintings.*



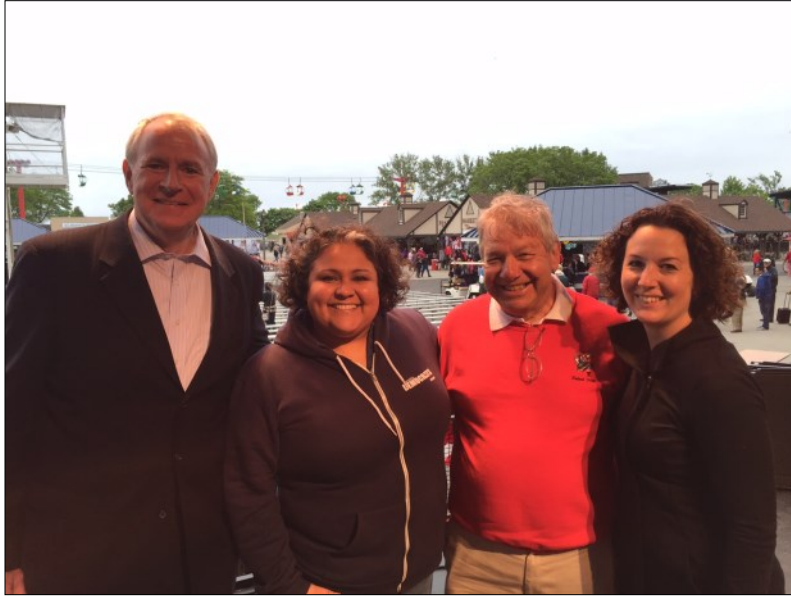
*Marina dropped by WNOV-AM (860) radio to speak with Eric Von. They discussed key County initiatives she has championed such as the S.E.E.D. program and the GO Pass. S.E.E.D. works to address food deserts in our community and the GO Pass provides free bus passes to senior citizens and persons with disabilities.*



*Marina joined local artists for Bay View Gallery Night.*



# Marina in Our Community



Marina (right) celebrates Polish Fest along with Milwaukee City Mayor Tom Barrett (left) and Wisconsin State Representative Jocasta Zamarripa (2nd left).



Marina showed up to support Solar Action Day because finding sustainable energy sources is vital to ensuring energy security for future generations.



Marina joined her colleagues, Supervisors Willie Johnson (2nd left), Theodore Lipscomb (2nd right) and Supreme Moore Omokunde (right) to celebrate the recognition of County Supervisor Willie Johnson for his outstanding service fighting for emerging businesses and good jobs for all people of color in the small business community.

Supervisor Johnson was recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration as the small business champion of the year.



Congratulation to Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. (center), Minority Small Business Champion of 2015!



# Save the Date



## Van Gogh to Pollock: Modern Rebels Masterworks from the Albright-Knox Art Gallery

June 18, 2015–September 20, 2015  
Milwaukee Art Museum

Works by the biggest names in art from the late 19th century to now. Learn more at [mam.org](http://mam.org)



## Traveling Beer Garden

Experience a historic Milwaukee tradition at a park near you. The 2015 Milwaukee County Parks Traveling Beer Garden tour has two simultaneously running tours traveling throughout our park system thanks to the partnership with Sprecher Brewing Company.

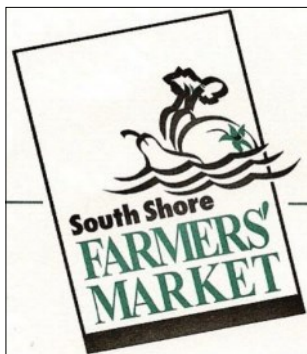
[Find a traveling beer garden near you.](#)



## 2015 Summer's Best FREE Parks Concerts Series

Every year, the Milwaukee County Parks System hosts FREE concerts in parks all over the County. These show are great activities for the whole family.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a full listing of summer concerts in the Parks.



## South Shore Farmers' Market

South Shore Park - 2900 South Shore Drive  
Saturdays, June 13 - October 10, 2015, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Stop by the South Shore Farmers Market this summer! The market features demonstrations and musical entertainment.

For more information visit: [southshorefarmersmarket.com](http://southshorefarmersmarket.com)



## Film on the Hill

Humboldt Park - 3000 S Howell Ave  
Begins at dusk - August 1 & 22; September 5

Enjoy FREE family friendly films in the Park.

For a full listing of movie showings in the parks visit:  
[county.milwaukee.gov/FamilyFlicks21477.htm](http://county.milwaukee.gov/FamilyFlicks21477.htm)



# Save the Date

## CHILL ON THE HILL: 2015 Line Up

Tuesdays, June - August, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Humboldt Park



**June 2**  
**The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra**

**June 9**  
**Opener:** Bay View Middle/High School Drum Line  
**The Delta Routine:** A blend of old-fashioned rock 'n roll with the rootsy sounds of Americana music

**June 16: LADIES NIGHT**  
**Opener:** Chrissy Dzioba  
**Anna Fermin:** A blending of folk, country, and rock pedigrees with a bit of pop music love

**June 23: GREEN NIGHT**  
**Opener:** Daley Debs Baton and Drum Corp  
**Extra Crispy Brass Band:** An authentic New Orleans style brass band

**June 30**  
**American Legion Band:** Milwaukee's favorite traditional concert band

**July 7: MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT**  
**Opener:** Ladies Rock  
**Painted Caves:** Middle Eastern influenced psychedelic grooves meet California surf rock

**July 14**  
**Urban Empress & The Urbanites:** A rootsy vibe of reggae, ska, dub, hip-hop, and neo-soul music

**July 21**  
**Opener:** Grasping at Straws  
**The Vitrolum Republic:** Classically infused folk music

**July 28**  
**Opener:** Antler House  
**Space Raft:** Pop psych rock 'n roll inspired by science fiction  
**Midwest Death Rattle:** Exciting indie rock that exists to devour all things milquetoast and corrupt

**August 4: KIDS AND FAMILY NIGHT**  
**Opener:** Humboldt Park Drum Line  
**Rust Belt Rejects:** A mix of genres that create a modern distinct fluid sound  
**Generation Z:** This band's energy and charisma will have you out on the floor dancing all night!

**August 11: CORN ROAST NIGHT**  
**Opener:** Kinsella Irish Dancers  
**The Carpet Baggers:** An exciting variety of classic and contemporary songs to capture the soul  
**Doghouse Flowers:** Vintage honky-tonk and rock that will stay in your heart and mind for days

**August 18**  
**Opener:** The Hullmen  
**Chief:** Energetic, up-tempo rock 'n roll with attitude  
**The Size 5's:** Bay View based punk rock band

**August 25**  
**Opener:** New Harmony Indiana  
**Greatest Lakes:** An indie rock band capturing a spacier, modern version of west coast folk rock  
**Ladders:** A classic rock band infused with spectral, wandering songwriting

**September 1**  
**Opener:** Stephanie Erin Brill  
**Living Statues:** A melding of pop sensibilities with explosive, edgy garage rock textures  
**Dead Horses:** An acoustic band with a cultivated folk sensibility and heartfelt soul

